

## **DENTAL CLINICAL GUIDELINES**

### **DOCUMENTATION AND EXAMINATION**

Guideline 1: Documentation of informed consent to include the risks and benefits of treatment and non-treatment prior to receiving any treatment.

Guideline 2: Documentation of a comprehensive treatment plan.

Guideline 3: All records will contain adequate and up-to-date patient identification information.

### **RESTORATIVE DENTISTRY**

Guideline 1: All *treatment-planned* teeth are restored to acceptable standards as determined by viewing dental radiographs to include interproximal contact, emergence profile, marginal integrity, and no recurrent caries.

Guideline 2: All *treatment-planned* edentulous areas are restored to acceptable standards by viewing dental radiographs or documentation is made as to why not to include transfer of patient, graduating from training, and patient cancellations. Treatment planning is based on obtaining and maintaining the military readiness of the patient.

Guideline 3: Pre-operative periapical films will be taken as part of a fixed prosthodontic treatment plan to rule out or treat existing pathology before initiating prosthodontic treatment.

Guideline 4: Periodontal assessment will be performed on all teeth requiring fixed prosthodontics.

### **PERIODONTOLOGY**

Guideline 1: All patients with periodontal disease will have a documented treatment plan to include radiographs, periodontal charting, appropriate specialty referral and follow-up care.

### **ORAL SURGERY**

Guideline 1: For third molar extractions, Coast Guard policy (MEDMAN 2.A.3.f) regarding third molar extraction criteria is followed.

### **ENDODONTICS**

Guideline 1: Pre- and post-endodontic films will be taken and kept in the dental record.

Guideline 2: Endodontically treated posterior teeth will be restored with cuspal protection.